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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Of: Daniel B. Stewart

Serial No.: 09/751,189

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For: **NETWORK PROTOCOLS FOR DISTRIBUTING FUNCTIONS
WITHIN A NETWORK**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to its examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Page 1, line 18, after "name", insert --and a protocol type specification--.

Page 2, line 3, delete "or URL";

page 2, line 11, after "server" (first occurrence), insert --, and the expected growth of multimedia streaming services such as audio and video promises to exacerbate the problem--.

Page 3, line 6, after "service.", insert -- Thus, it is desirable that a one-to-many mapping be supported by the network.--.

Page 11, line 9, after "unavailable", insert --or overloaded--;

page 11, line 13, after "unavailability", insert --or diminished desirability--;

page 11, line 17, after "device.", insert --The hand-off is coordinated between the original server and the new client sever using a hand-off extension to the existing protocol.--

Page 13, line 3, change "www.yahoo.com" to --www.ballyhoo.com--;

page 13, line 4, change "http://www.yahoo.com:8080" to --http://www.ballyhoo.com:8080--.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct minor errors.

An early consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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